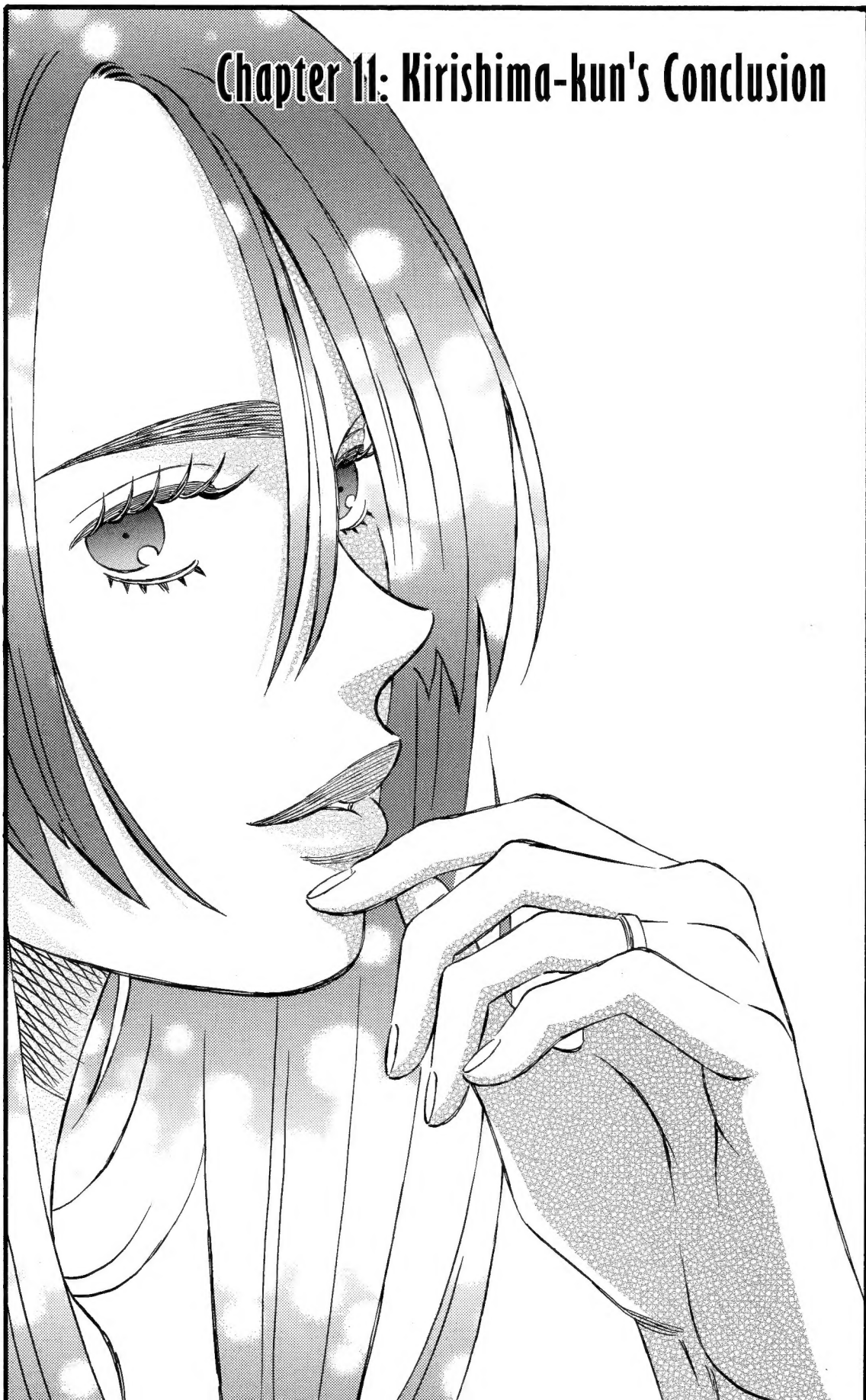
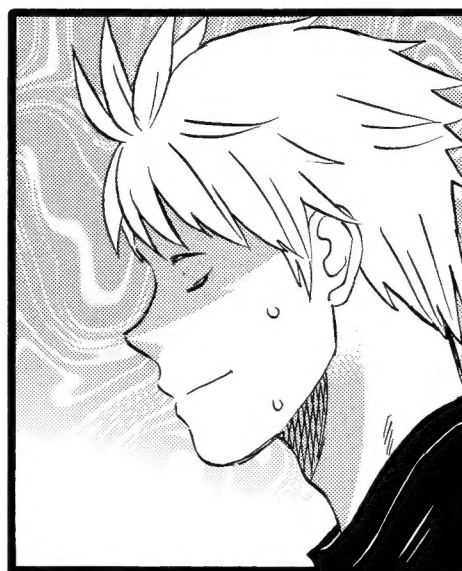
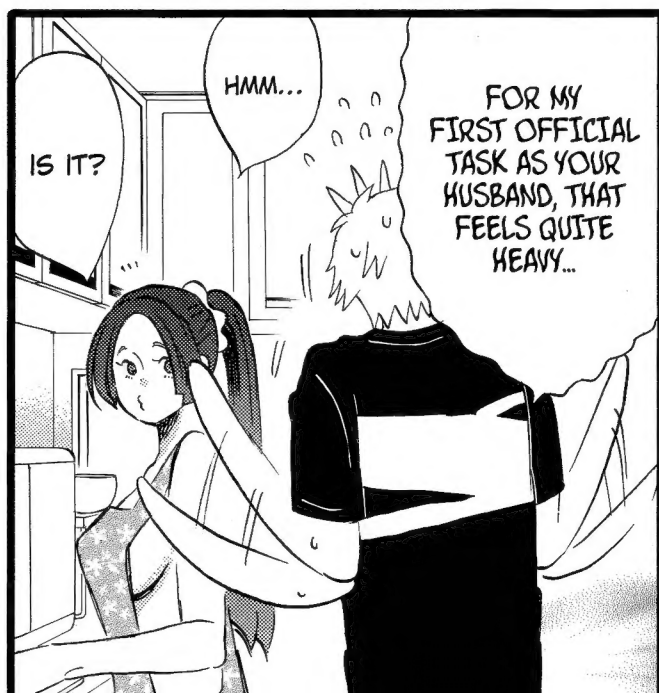
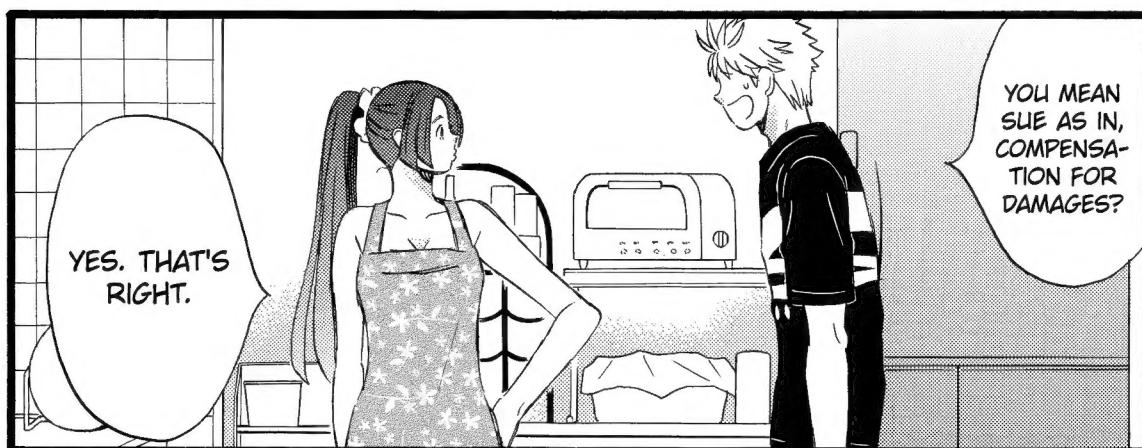


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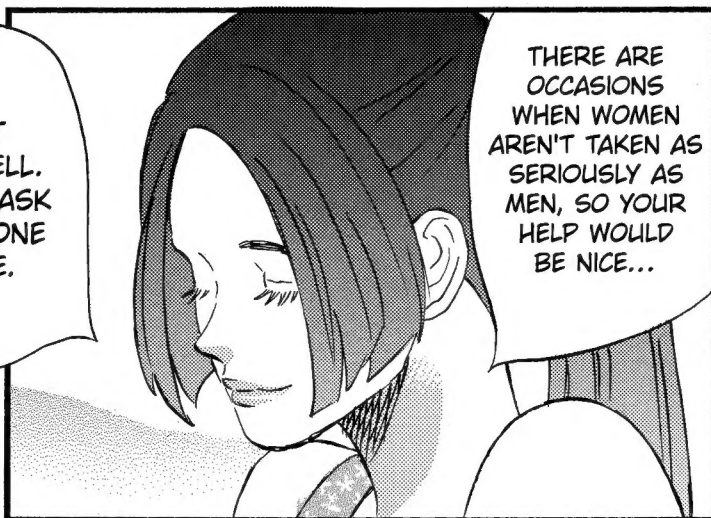




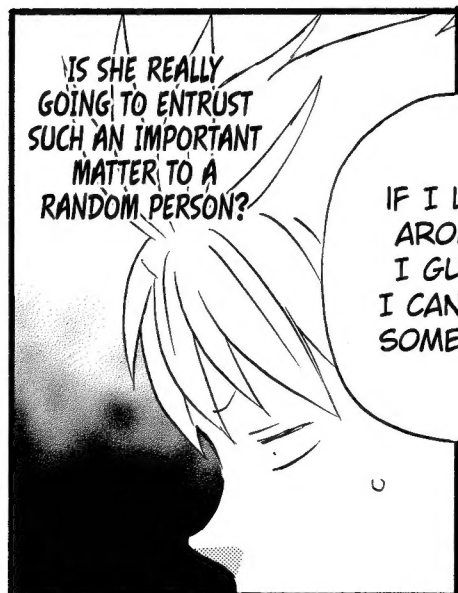


HUH...?

BUT
OH WELL.
I CAN ASK
SOMEONE
ELSE.

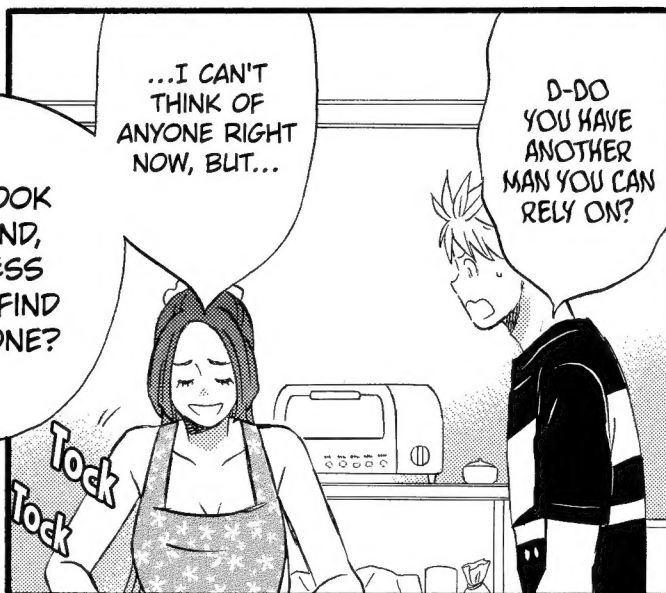


THERE ARE
OCCASIONS
WHEN WOMEN
AREN'T TAKEN AS
SERIOUSLY AS
MEN, SO YOUR
HELP WOULD
BE NICE...



IS SHE REALLY
GOING TO ENTRUST
SUCH AN IMPORTANT
MATTER TO A
RANDOM PERSON?

IF I LOOK
AROUND,
I GUESS
I CAN FIND
SOMEONE?



...I CAN'T
THINK OF
ANYONE RIGHT
NOW, BUT...

D-DO
YOU HAVE
ANOTHER
MAN YOU CAN
RELY ON?

Tock
Tock

IT'S LIKE...



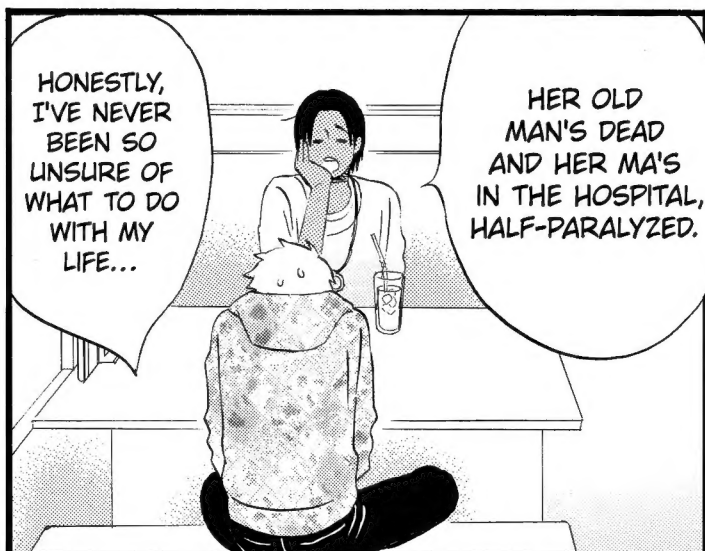
I'M SORRY,
OKAY? THAT
WAS TOO MUCH
TO ASK.

THAT'S WHY
I SAID NOT TO
WORRY ABOUT IT,
KIRISHIMA-KUN.
JUST CARRY ON
LIKE USUAL.

BUT THEN I WAS
SUDDENLY HIT WITH
A VERY SERIOUS
REQUEST...

SHE FINALLY
SEEMED TO BE
RELYING ON ME...

IT SCARED
ME.

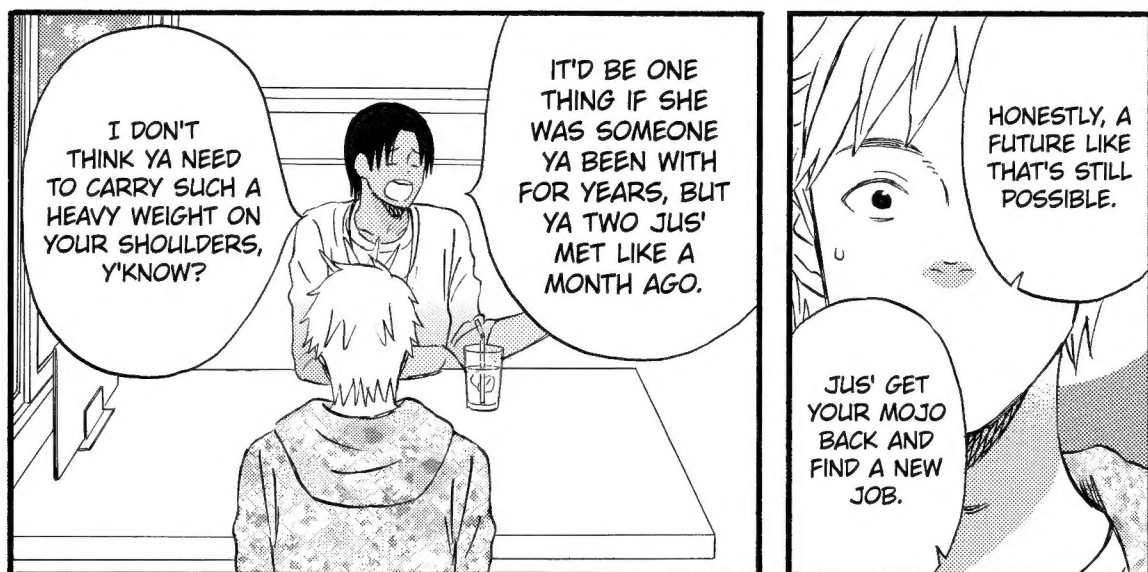




EVENTUALLY,
YA MIGHT'VE
HAD A NORMAL
WIFE AND THEN
A KID. YA KNOW,
JUST A REGULAR,
HAPPY LIFE.

IF YA HADN'T BEEN
LAID OFF AND KEPT
WORKIN' YOUR
OFFICE JOB...

I DON'T
THINK YA HAVE
TO CARRY THOSE
RESPONSIBILITIES.



I DON'T
THINK YA NEED
TO CARRY SUCH A
HEAVY WEIGHT ON
YOUR SHOULDERS,
Y'KNOW?

IT'D BE ONE
THING IF SHE
WAS SOMEONE
YA BEEN WITH
FOR YEARS, BUT
YA TWO JUS'
MET LIKE A
MONTH AGO.

HONESTLY, A
FUTURE LIKE
THAT'S STILL
POSSIBLE.

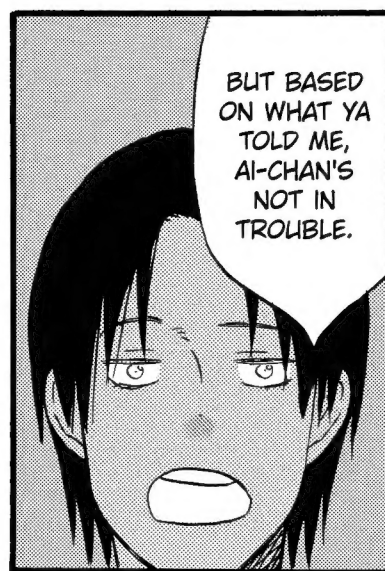
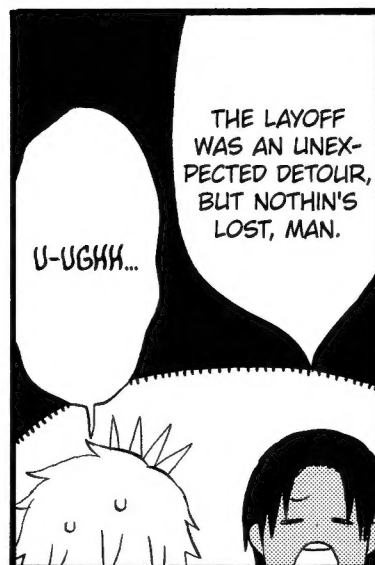
JUS' GET
YOUR MOJO
BACK AND
FIND A NEW
JOB.

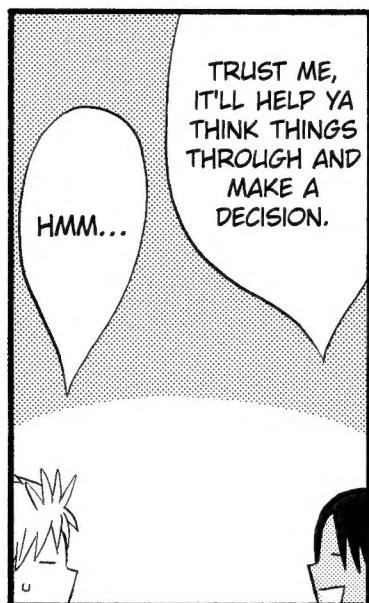


AND LET'S FACE
IT, IT'S NOT LIKE
AI-CHAN SEEMS TO
HAVE ANY SPECIAL
FEELINGS
FOR YA.

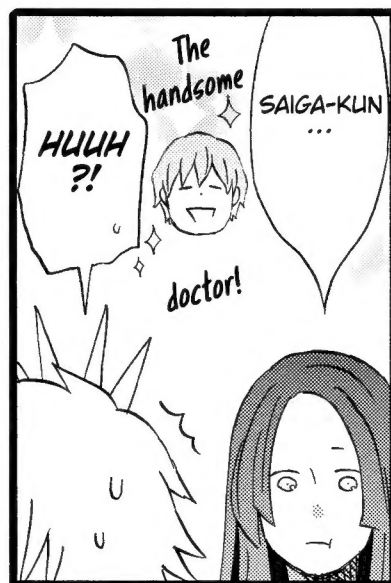
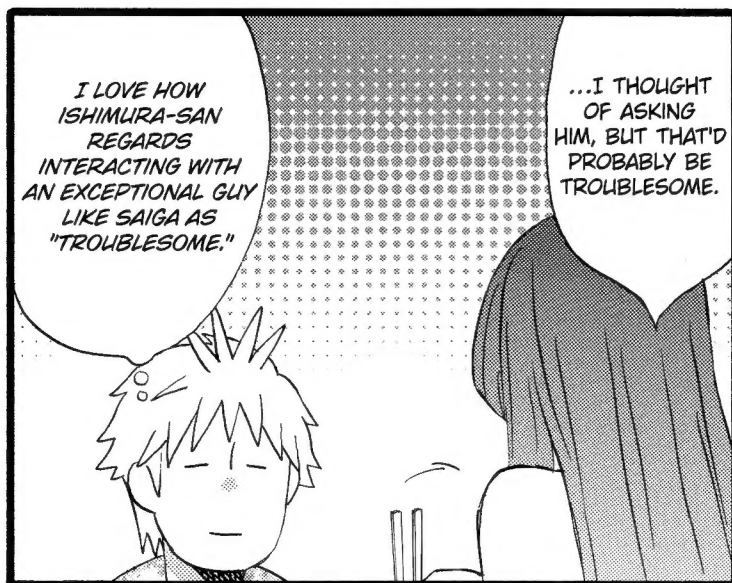
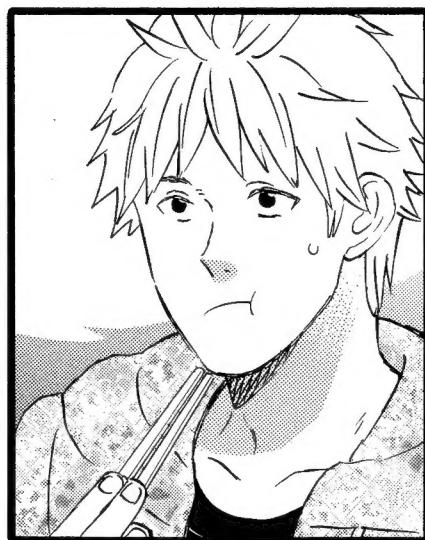
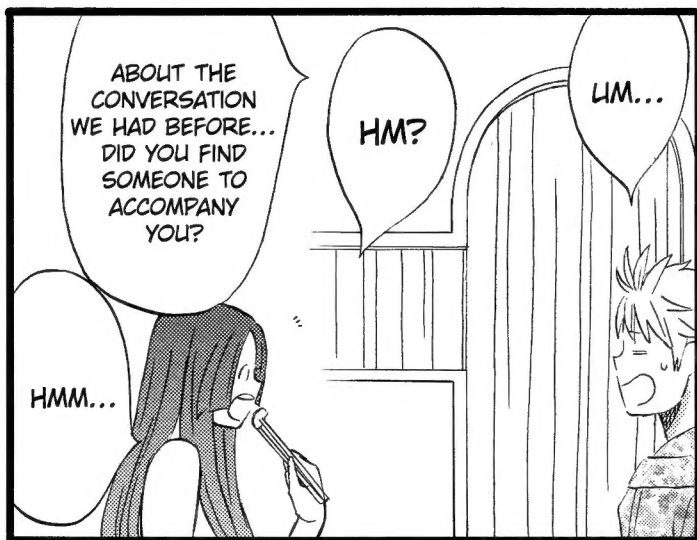
FORTUNATELY,
YA HAVEN'T MET
THE MOTHER YET,
HAVE YA?

YA CAN STILL
TURN BACK.









HA
HA
HA!

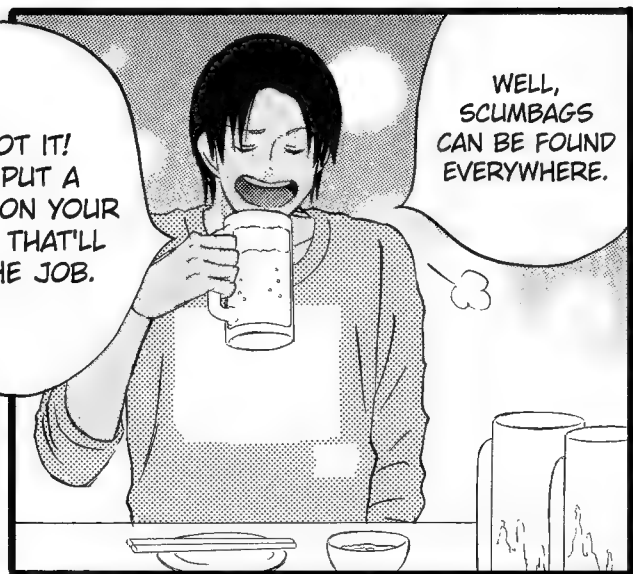
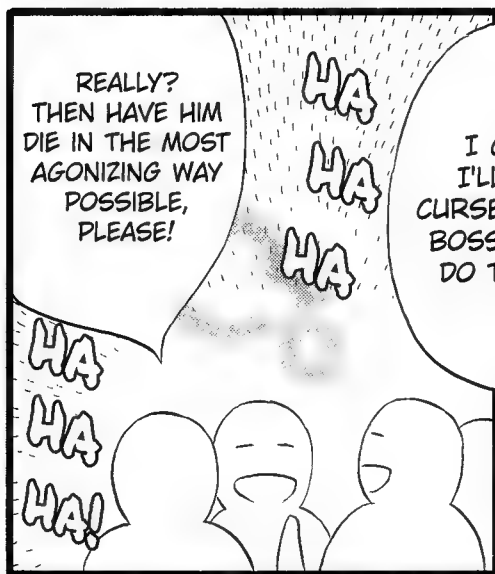
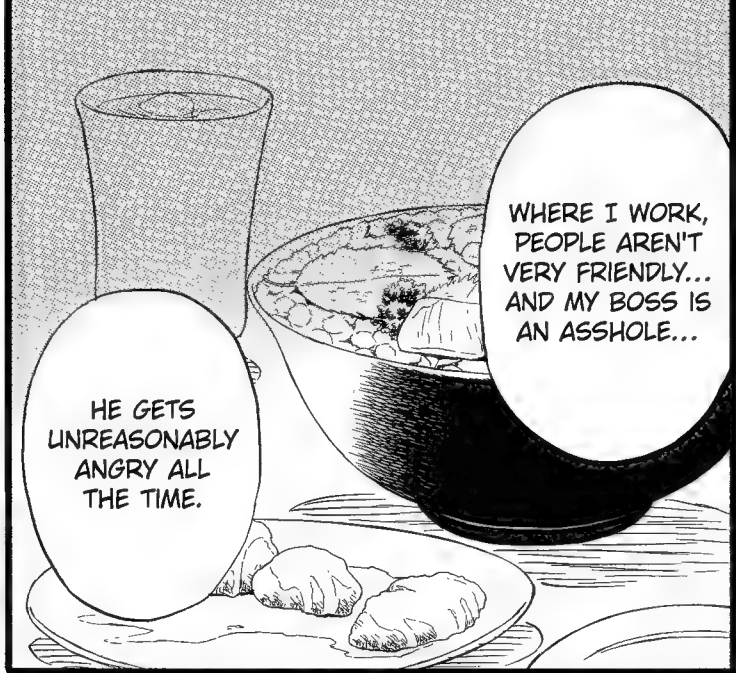
HAVING A
MAN'S HELP
WOULD BE NICE.
BUT HEY, NOTHING
I CAN DO!

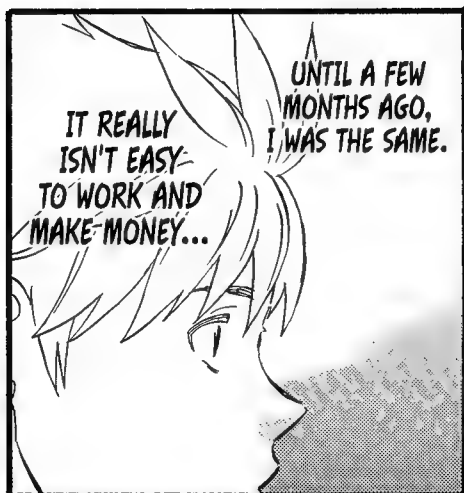
NO. I NEED
TO STOP THINKING
ABOUT ISHIMURA-SAN
FOR NOW!

THIS SATURDAY,
I'LL SEE THE GUYS FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN A
WHILE AND HAVE A
GOOD TIME!

...OR SO IT
FEELS LIKE.

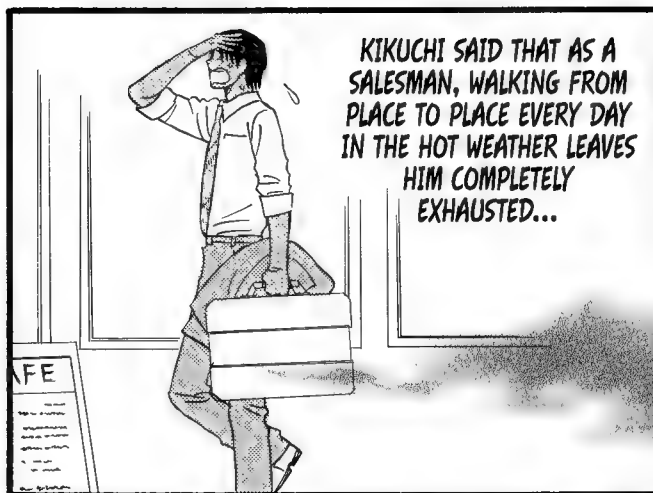






IT REALLY
ISN'T EASY
TO WORK AND
MAKE MONEY...

UNTIL A FEW
MONTHS AGO,
I WAS THE SAME.



KIKUCHI SAID THAT AS A
SALESMAN, WALKING FROM
PLACE TO PLACE EVERY DAY
IN THE HOT WEATHER LEAVES
HIM COMPLETELY
EXHAUSTED...



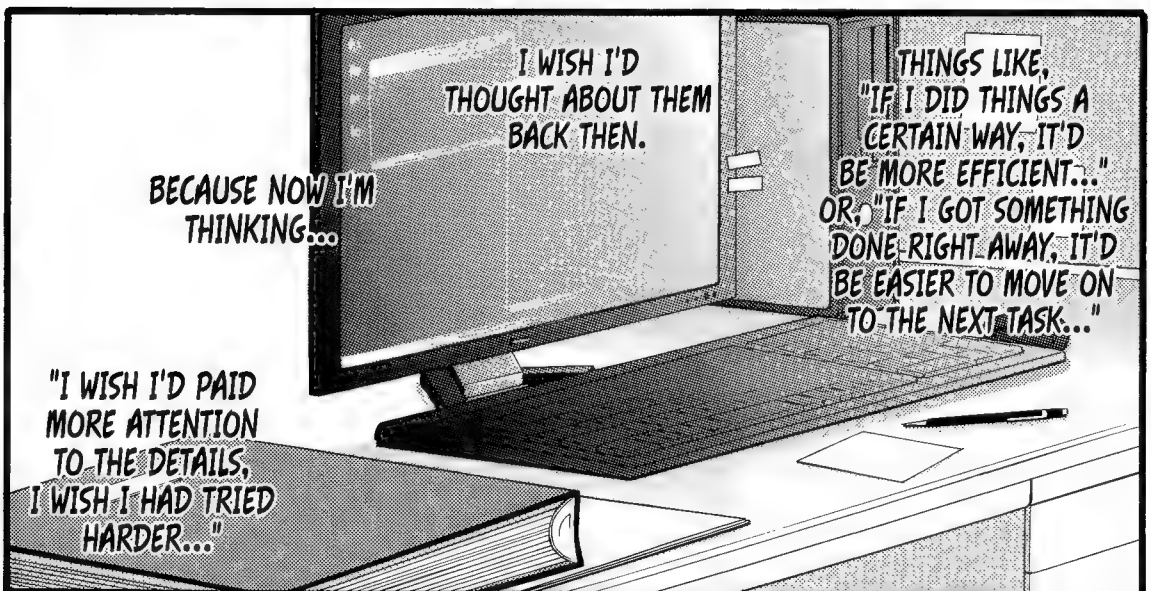
IT'S TOUGH...

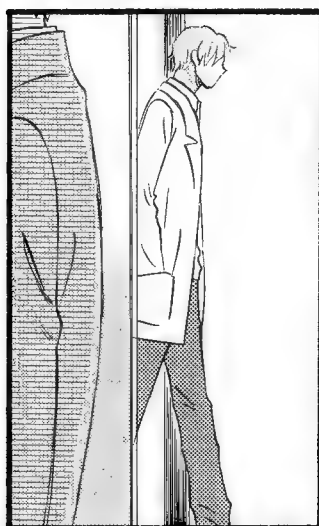
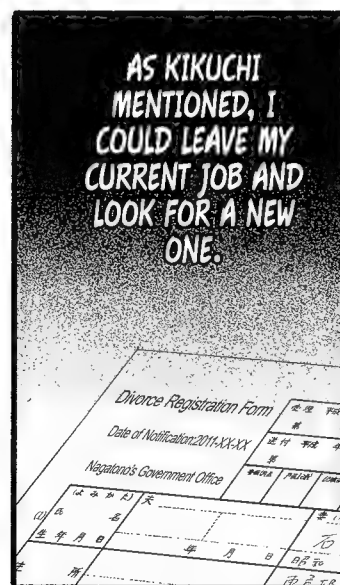
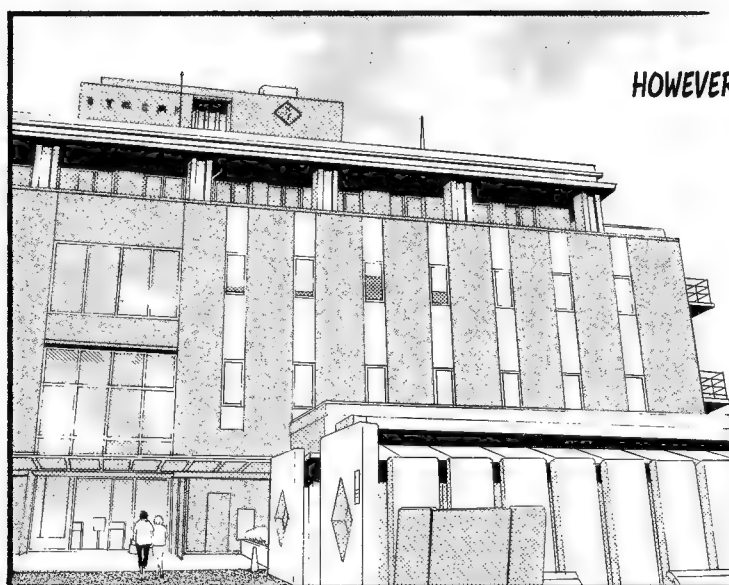
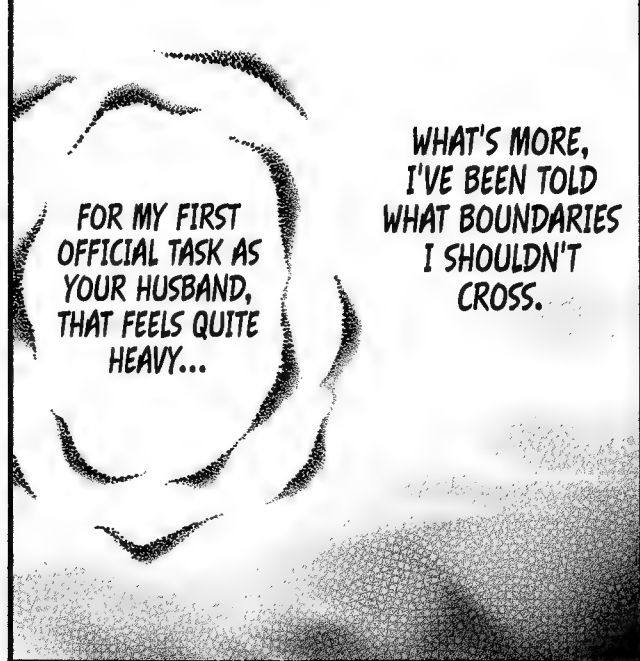
AND A LOT OF
WORK, BUT...

NOT
TO MENTION,
LIVING MEANS
PAYING ALL
SORTS OF
TAXES...

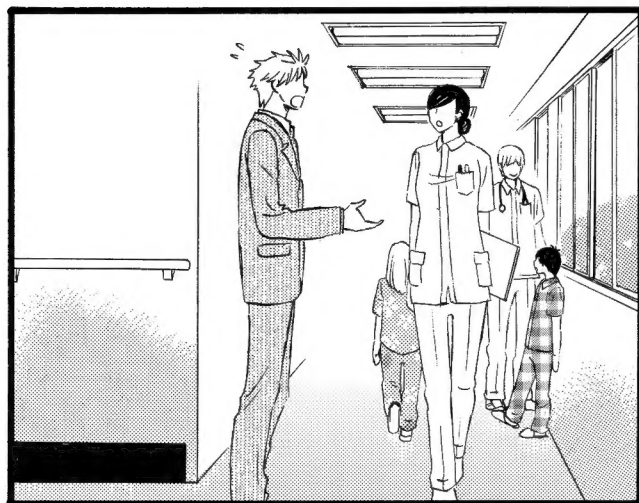
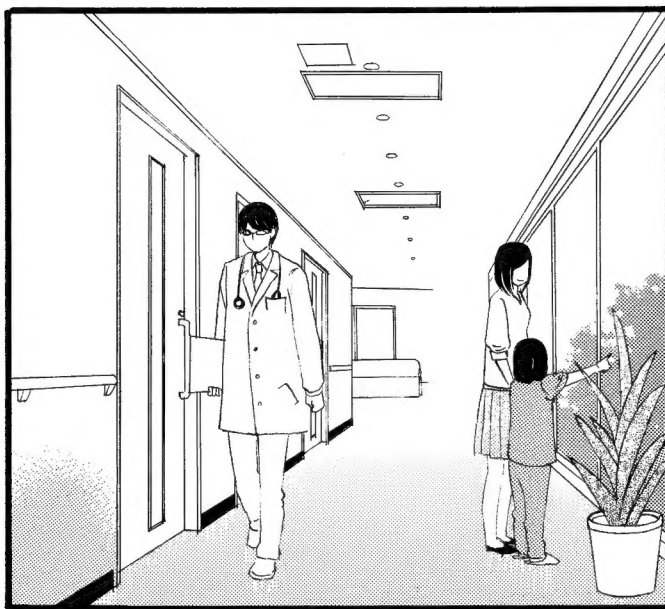
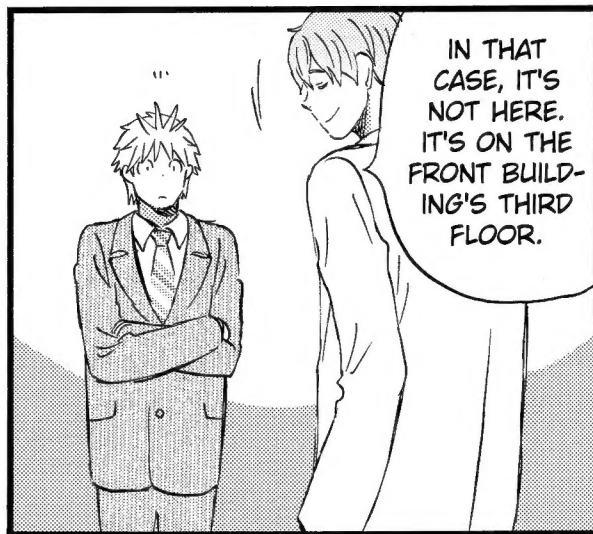


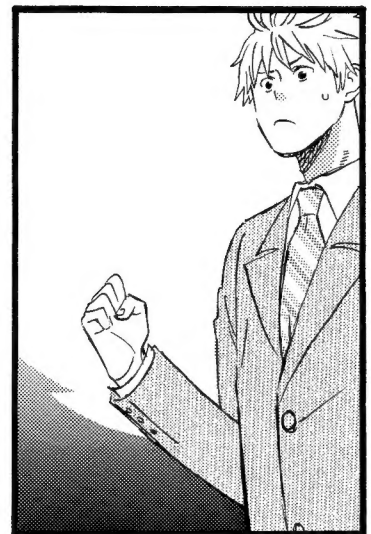
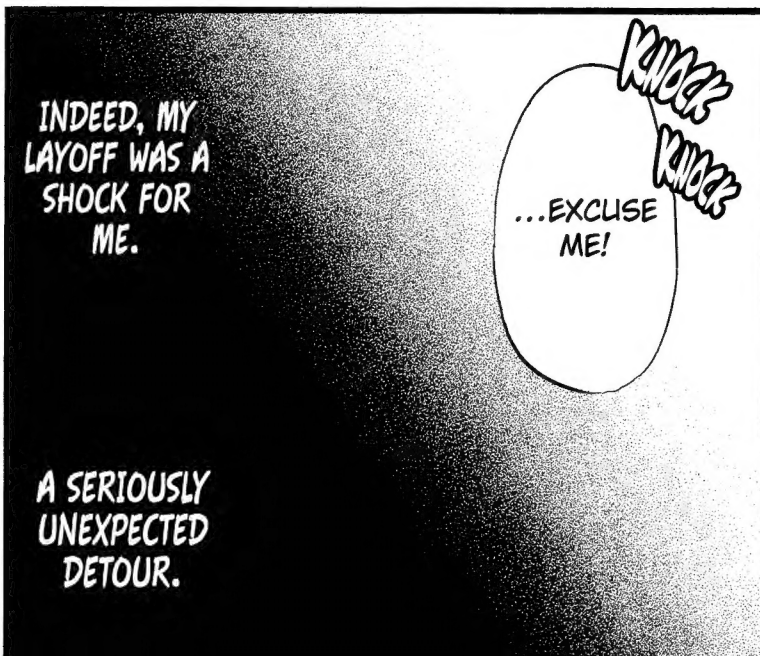
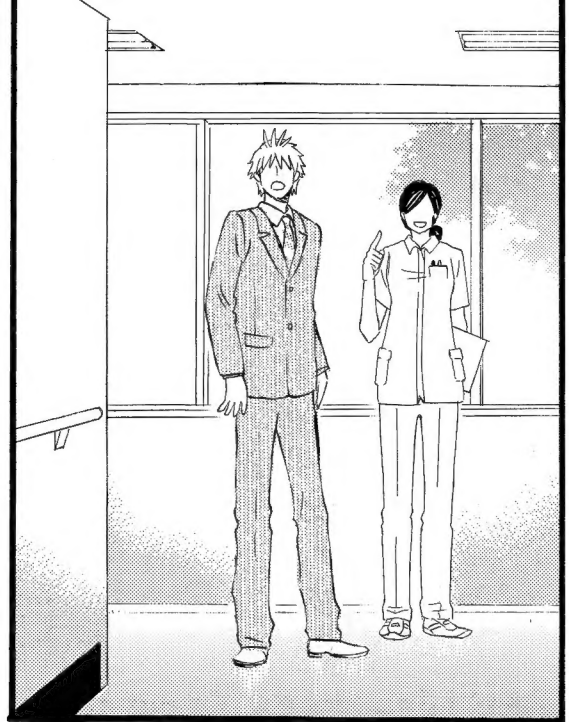
EVERYONE'S
DOING THEIR
BEST, WITHOUT
RUNNING AWAY...

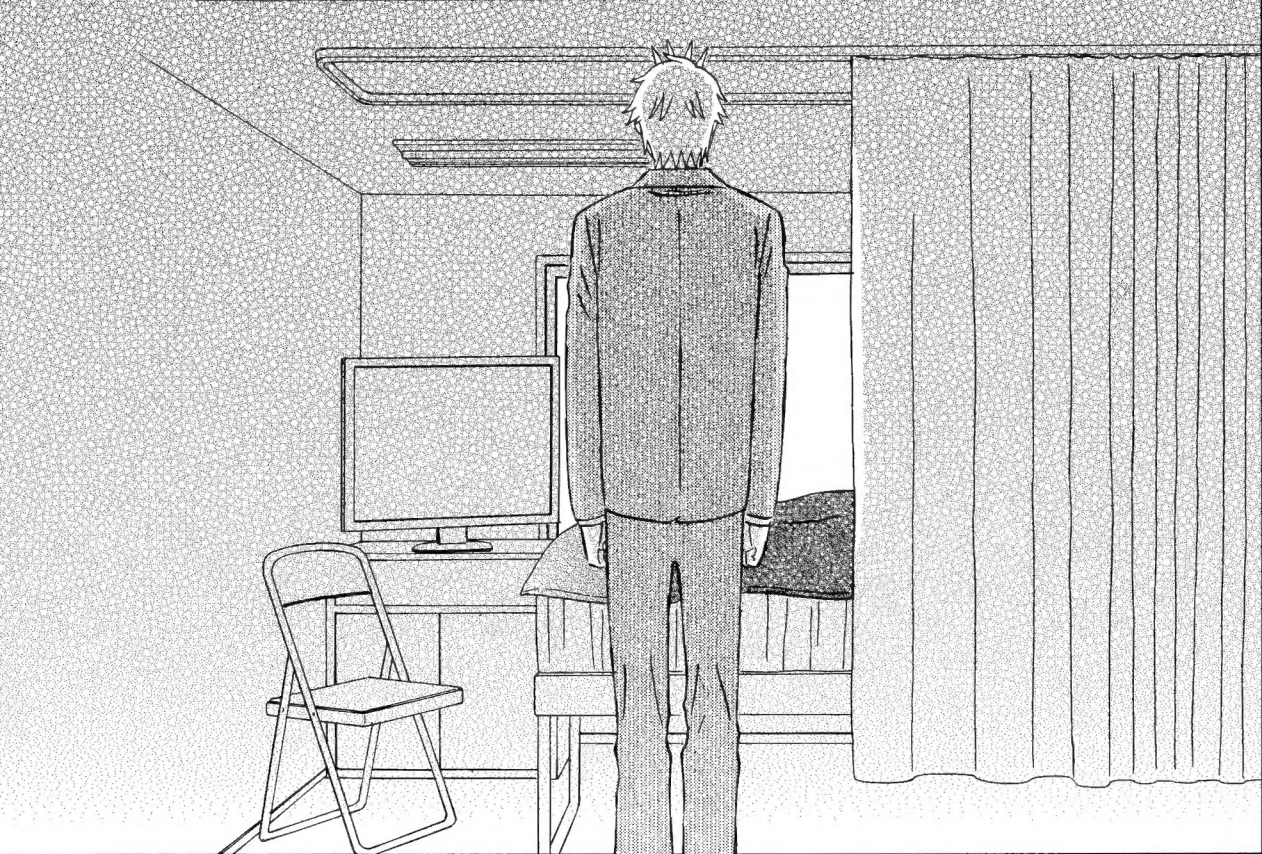












BUT...

IT'S...

JUST
THAT...



THAT'S RIGHT.
EVEN IF THIS IS
A JOB I KNOW
I'LL QUIT
SOMEDAY...

WHILE...



SO, THIS
TIME... I'LL
DO BETTER. I'LL
SHOW WHAT
I CAN DO!

IF I HAD
WORKED HARDER,
I KNOW I WOULD'VE
FELT A LOT MORE
DISAPPOINTED THAN
I ACTUALLY WAS.



IT IS NICE
TO MEET
YOU. I AM
KIRISHIMA
SHIROU!

I AM
TERRIBLY
SORRY FOR
TAKING UNTIL
TODAY TO
MEET YOU...

BUT I
MARRIED
AI-SAN ABOUT
ONE MONTH
AGO!

...THAT'S THE
CONCLUSION I'VE
REACHED.

IF I'M GOING
TO QUIT ANYWAY,
I MIGHT AS WELL
GIVE IT MY
BEST SHOT.